

LATEST REPORTS AND  
TIMELY COMMENT

## LONG HAIRIED MEN OF THE GRIDIRON NOW OF DEAD PAST

Players of the Present Day Visit the Barber Before the Game and Result Is Shown in Improved Play.

**T**HE "long-haired gladiator of the gridiron" is an obsolete expression. It took the entire athlete fifteen or twenty years to find out what the prize fighter knew at the jump. The closer the hair is cropped the better the head can work. This is especially true if the work is hard, and football can well be classified as hard labor.

Be all that as it may, the football player of to-day goes to the barber a few days before the big game instead of the hairdresser. All of us remember when a big school of hair was cropping the stars of the hero of the gridiron. The longer the hair the more imposing the man. In the time of the Poco's, the Deacons, the Hounds and the Panthers it was necessary for the football heroes at the finish of big games to cut off wisps of their flowing locks and present them to their girl friends, especially if the hair curled up at the ends. It used to be a common occurrence for a player to come to the training table with his hair plaited up like that of a girl to get a laugh.

Today the college athlete who gets into his football tags and hits the line does it with a head as closely cropped as that of a pugilist. He has found that his head is much harder without the hair, and that no tackler can catch him by his tresses and drag him through line.

The original idea of long hair in football was that it served as a cushion and protected the scalp from bumps and bruises. It also made the player look like Sampson. Later years developed the fact, however, that Jim Jeffries was a bigger man than Sampson, as was John L. Sullivan, and by degrees the locks began to disappear. The headgear is a greater protection and does not furnish such an excellent thing to grab as a big shock of hair. Besides, headgear cannot be worn with long hair.

The headgear then reigned supreme for a couple of years or more, and it is extensively used now, but even that is being dropped. The Yale players do not use headgear of any kind. In fact they use very little padding. Princeton still hangs to the headgear, but it is not general. Princeton is long on pads. In the game with Dartmouth, Tibbotts came on the field looking like an upholstered chair.

The football coaches have decided that a player can be more effective with a little clothing as possible and that he suffers no more injuries than if he were upholstered throughout.

A glance at the photographs of the football players on this page is convincing proof that the barbers are now getting some share of the annual profits of the great college game.

## Savannah Auto Course Has Its Death Curves, Too

**T**ESTS made on the auto course at Savannah indicate that death may ride with some of the daredevil drivers who start Thanksgiving day with the expectation of beating the world's record speed of 74-1/4 miles per hour, made by Nozzaro in the Targa Florio race in Italy about a month ago. Even under such conditions, however, the Americans will try for a new mark.

The Savannah course is an ideal one and capable of very high speed, but the roads are numerous turns which cannot be safely taken at anything like full speed. The course is of 40.8 miles and there are sixteen laps of 25.13 miles per lap. With the necessary slowdowns for the turns it will be impossible to maintain the high speed of 100 miles or more per hour which the high-powered cars can easily do, and this will give a

conservative speed of about 20-1/2 miles per lap or about 85 miles per hour. In this case the race will be run in about 5-1/2 hours.

For the first car race on the day following Thanksgiving the distance is 80 miles and the racers will make twenty turns over the course of 84 miles. The conservative estimate of speed in this race is about 135 miles per lap or about 45 miles per hour, making the time for the race about 4 hours and 21 minutes.

Two contestants were shown to George Robertson, winner of the Vauxhall Cup race in a Locomobile and who will drive a Gorgone in the Savoyard light car event, while he admitted that they were safe. He thought that new speed records would be established.

The class of drivers in the race said Robertson was the only one average and none too willing to take the dust of another. It will be a speed contest in every sense of the word and every car will be pushed to its limit.

## Nelson Tells Why He Stops at Swell Hotels

"It was like this," said the Battler, as he limped into The Evening World office yesterday afternoon. "They wouldn't have me over there in Philadelphia. I got stuck again after I got in the big town, and I went up to the hotel office of a fine joint over there and asked the price of a room. The guy behind the counter says \$3. I pulled out the three bucks and slapped my right hand on the table. The clerk took one look at me and then says, 'Wait a minute.' I waited, and he says, 'The cheapest you can get is \$1.' I replied, 'Kinder sure like for a stall.'

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back, and I slipped him the extra two. He thought he would get rid of me that way, but I called the bluff, and he had to make good. I had a good night's sleep, anyway, but it cost 50 cents an hour.

"I always stop at the swellest hotel in the town," confided Batt, "and I have got my reasons. You know I'm no dub. If I can get in the Waldorf for \$1 a day I will save enough for my next meal by getting rid of the bums and quick touts. You know those guys never hang around the swell hotels."

None who will say that Battling Nelson hasn't some ideas of finance. That's the answer for that \$250,000 in the Herkewich bank.

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## INDOOR SEASON WILL OPEN HERE TO-NIGHT

### WITH SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL TEAMS

The board door champions will be in their element to-night for it's the opening of the indoor season. The games of the Knights of Columbus Athletic Association start the ball a-rollin' at the Sixty-ninth Regiment Armory and it will be a splendid start for the indoor season. The school managements were busily at work this afternoon, as the afternoon, as that a bigger crowd could see it, but with a game scheduled for the afternoon at American Legion Park, the New York A. C. and the Sixty-ninth Regiment Armory, and many of the疮痍 that will hold forth at Colle Park this afternoon will do a double turn, being entered in the games to-night.

**METROPOLITAN GOLFERS  
NAME NEW OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee of the Metropolitan Golf Association has made many changes in the list of officers recommended for the coming year. W. F. Wheeler, Morgan, president, and Leighton Calkins, secretary, declined to again take office.

The committee selected by the Nominating Committee follows: President, Adrian H. Larkin; Shinnecock, Amagansett Club; Secretary, W. D. Vanderpool, Morris County Golf Club; Treasurer, Frank C. Jennings; Past President, Club; Executive Director, Misses John M. Wade, Westover Golf Club; George P. Sheldon, Fairfield County Golf Club; John Reid Jr., St. Andrew's Golf Club; Frank C. Johnson, Taylor Meadow Golf Club; H. V. Kepp, Englewood Golf Club.

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